

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in the Application. Claims 40-43 have been added. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Rejections

Claims 1-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vak (US 5,473,143) in view of Zeanah (US 5,933,816).

Claims 12-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Vak in view of Zeanah and Wagner (US 5,742,845).

The Pending Claims Are Not Obvious Over Vak in view of Zeanah

Claim 1

Neither of the references, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the recited features and relationships of claim 1. The Action (on page 3) admits that Vak does not teach or suggest a second icon that corresponds to a second ATM object. Zeanah cannot alleviate the admitted deficiencies in Vak. Nor does the Action explain how Vak could have been modified as alleged, especially to overcome the admitted deficiencies therein. Nevertheless, even if it were somehow possible (which it isn't) for the references to be combined as alleged, the resultant combination still would not have produced the recited invention of claim 1.

Neither Vak nor Zeanah, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest visually programming an automated transaction machine. For an ~~example~~ example note Specification pages 92-93 and Figures 36-39. Further, where do the references teach or suggest using icons in programming, especially in visually programming an automated transaction machine?

Nor do Vak or Zeanah, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest icons that correspond to ATM objects. Where do the references even teach or suggest ATM objects? Further, where do the references teach or suggest ATM objects that are software components? Where do the references teach or suggest ATM software objects that relate to the functionality of an ATM (e.g., Specification pages 92 and 96)?

Nor do Vak or Zeanah, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest creating an association between ATM objects, especially by visually representing an association between icons in a work space. Where do the references teach or suggest a method of programming that includes visually representing an association between icons in a work space in order to create an association between ATM objects?

The Office has not established a *prima facie* showing of obviousness. It would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have modified Vak with the teaching of Zeanah as alleged to have produced the recited method. Thus, Appellants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

The Dependent Claims

Each of the dependent claims depends directly or indirectly from an independent claim. The independent claims have been previously shown to be allowable. Thus, it is asserted that the dependent claims are allowable on the same basis.

Furthermore, each of the dependent claims additionally recites specific features and relationships that patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the applied art. The applied art does not teach the features and relationships that are specifically recited in the dependent claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are further allowable due to the recitation of such additional features and relationships. Wagner cannot alleviate the noted deficiencies in Vak/Zeanah. None of the references, taken alone or in combination, teach or suggest the features and relationships that are specifically recited in the claims.

Furthermore, the Action is unclear. With the Action's reliance on Wagner for the rejection of claims 12-39, it is unclear how these claims can be rejected by Vak/Zeanah alone. Furthermore, the Action (on page 4) admits that Vak/Zeanah do not teach or suggest a third ATM object. Thus, it is further unclear how claims 12-22 and 32-38 can be rejected by Vak/Zeanah alone.

Fee For Additional Claims

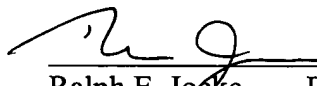
Please charge the fees associated with the submission of four additional total claims (\$72) and any other fee due to Deposit Account 09-0428.

Conclusion

Each of Applicants' pending claims specifically recite features and relationships that are neither disclosed nor suggested in any of the applied prior art. Furthermore, the applied prior art is devoid of any such teaching, suggestion, or motivation for combining features of the applied art so as to produce Applicants' invention. Allowance of all of Applicants' pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

The undersigned will be happy to discuss any aspect of the Application by telephone at the Office's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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